

PARK ETIQUETTE FOR ALL PATRONS TO ALL PATRONS USING EMPORIA PARK FACILITIES

We hope that you will enjoy your use of Emporia's Parks. There are several things which we ask that you do while using the facility. They are:

PLEASE PICK UP ANY LITTER OR TRASH THAT YOU FIND AND PUT IT IN THE TRASH BARRELS. IF THE BARRELS ARE ALREADY FULL, PLEASE TAKE YOUR TRASH HOME WITH YOU AND DISPOSE OF IT PROPERLY. PLEASE DON'T LEAVE IT IN THE PARK AND RUIN SOMEONE ELSE'S EXPERIENCE. LITTER AND TRASH INCLUDE PAPER CUPS AND PLATES, PLASTIC UTENSILS AND BAGS, CONFETTI FROM YOUR CELEBRATIONS, FOOD, BONES, BOTTLES AND CANS, BROKEN GLASS, AND EVEN THE POP TOPS FROM CANS. IF YOU LEAVE IT, THIS IS LITTERING, AND THE POLICE CAN ISSUE CITATIONS WHICH MAY RESULT IN A FINE TO THOSE PEOPLE AND GROUPS WHO ARE RESPONSIBLE.

PLEASE LEAVE THE TABLES AND AREAS CLEAN. PLEASE CLEAN UP ANYTHING YOU MIGHT SPILL ON THE TABLES SO THAT THEY ARE NOT STICKY AND DIRTY FOR THE NEXT GROUP USING THE SHELTER HOUSE.

PLEASE USE THE RESTROOMS PROPERLY. USE THE STOOLS AND URINALS AND FLUSH THEM WHEN YOU ARE FINISHED USING THEM. DON'T USE SINKS AND CORNERS OF THE RESTROOMS AS TOILETS- PLEASE CONSIDER THE OTHER PATRONS. NO ONE WANTS TO WALK IN ON A FILTHY MESS.

PLEASE KEEP AMPLIFIED NOISE, ESPECIALLY MUSIC, TO A LOW LEVEL. IT IS BOTH ILLEGAL AND AGAINST CITY POLICY TO PLAY MUSIC LOUD ENOUGH TO BE HEARD BY NEIGHBORS. IF YOU ARE ASKED TO LOWER THE VOLUME OF YOUR MUSIC, PLEASE ABIDE BY THE REQUEST OR YOU MAY BE FINED OR REQUIRED TO LEAVE THE PREMISES.

Presently reservations in the Parks are done with no charge to the patrons. However, there has recently been a big increase in littering and complaints about noise, vandalism, and patron behavior. If such action continues, it may become necessary to start charging fees for Park reservations, or not allowing certain types of events to be held at all. This would be a change that nobody wants to see; but if the behavior of some of our patrons and groups does not improve, this may become necessary. The Parks are here for all to use and enjoy, but unfortunately there are some people who do not care about the feelings of others. Remember, vandalism, graffiti, litter and trash costs everybody. If these problems did not exist then there would be more resources available to make additional Park improvements for everyone to enjoy. Please help to take care of these problems and ask others to do the same. Your help will be appreciated.